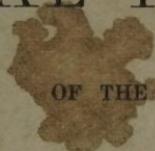


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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Hinsdale, for the year ending February, 1880, beg leave to submit the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1879,	\$1846 30
Savings Bank tax, 1879,	777 75
Literary Fund money,	140 60
Railroad tax,	26 27
Town Hall,	258 00
For rents, stores and bank,	304 40
" Support of county paupers,	41 13
" Ministerial fund,	96 00
" License Minstrels,	2 00
" Plank sold,	4 00
From Patrick Cunningham for repairs,	5 00
" H. Stevenson, " "	5 00
" J. Purcell, " "	1 25
" Tiles sold,	4 11
Amount of taxes committed to George P. Wellington, Collector,	14,541 94
Interest on taxes,	67 45
For license, billiard tables,	20 00
" Lumber sold,	2 25
Total,	\$18,143 45

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Wood for town house,	\$4 50
" Iron for furnaces,	2 00

" Setting glass in town house,	1 70
" Freight on oil,	1 12
" Bounty on foxes,	3 50
" Deposited Savings Bank tax, 1878,	576 70
" Printing town reports, 1878,	36 30
" Bounty on hawks,	1 40
" Batchelder & Faulkner, retaining fee,	6 00
" Inventory books, &c:,	5 52
" Painting old town house,	10 50
" L. A. Lamson for paint, oil, &c.,	6 88
" A. C. Coulter, ministerial fund,	24 00
" J. H. Henry, " "	24 00
" L. Fales, " "	24 00
" N. M. Worden, care of town hall,	100 00
" " " " " 1878,	30 00
" M. C. Dix, certificates of births and deaths,	6 75
" Town safe,	150 00
" Oil, brooms, Cooler for hall,	37 14
" Map, State of New Hampshire,	5 65
" Cong. Society for portion expense of drain,	15 00
" Pails for hall and painting,	5 00
" John Stearns, watering trough, two years,	6 00
" Oiling doors of town hall,	2 00
" Curb stone,	170 00
" County tax,	1255 65
" State " "	1520 00
" Interest on town bonds,	1200 00
" Setting curbing and freight and grading sidewalk,	38 12
" Blanks for school committee,	1 00
" Shingling old town house,	67 13
" J. H. Henry, work on town hall,	13 25
" Iron posts,	9 00
" Coal for town hall,	49 66
" Irons for guards on tower,	4 15
" Pipe, guards and work on town hall,	13 18
" Repairing slate on roof of " "	7 60
" Plastering old town house,	3 75
" H. Barrett, watering trough,	3 00

“ Repairing hearse sleigh,	5 00
“ D. W. Stearns, watering trough,	3 00
“ Use of ground for lock-up,	3 00
“ Snowing bridges,	10 00
“ Charles R. Sargent, highway tax,	6 00
“ L. A. Lamson, lock for store,	3 25
“ Painting signs for bridge and setting glass,	3 80
“ Oil can and dustpan,	1 47
“ J. Corliss, work at old town house,	80
“ E. S. Perham, care and attending with hearse,	27 50
“ George P. Wellington, error and taxes illegally assessed, &c., 1878	21 12
“ Printing rules and regulations and order book,	7 62
“ Chas. Frary, cutting brush and repairing fence,	5 00
“ Holman & Merriman, repairing scrapers,	6 75
“ Fixing doors in town hall,	75
“ Willard Howe, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
“ Discount on taxes for 1879,	374 30
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	\$5925 51

PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1, Nelson Estey,	\$180 86
“ “ 2, O. B. Tyler,	\$67 17
“ “ 2, “ “ “ repairs,	25 00
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“ “ 3, E. G. Horton,	115 10
“ “ 3, Howe & Higgins, new building,	350 00
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Union District, Edward Stebbins, balance last year,	99 40
Edward Stebbins,	1650 00
Gilbert Richmond,	28 23
H. R. Vaille, Jr.,	712 58
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District No. 6, Amasa B. Davis,	92 82
“ “ 7, Nelson Richardson,	63 81

" " 8, N. M. Worden,	936 95
" " 8, Furnace repairs,	7 50
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" " 9, Henry Adams,	944 45
Paid expense High School,	176 00
" 10 maps, State of New	1400 00
Hampshire,	50 00
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	\$5955 42

PAID FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES,
PUTTING IN DRAINS, &c.

Paid H. Barrett, clay, 1878,	\$ 2 50
" Taft Smith, " "	4 00
" G. H. Crowninshield, 1878,	1 12
" Charles H. Cooper, "	75
" O. G. Smith, "	4 75
" John W. Thomas, "	2 00
" I. T. Burnham, "	1 50
" Claying Brattleboro road,	355 90
" Tile for drains,	265 48
" Iron grates,	29 75
" L. Atwood, breaking road,	1 25
" A. & W. Dickinson, lumber,	90 61
" S. E. Butler, breaking road,	1 50
" L. F. Liscom, plank for bridges,	22 22
" C. E. Barrett, labor with team,	75 00
" H. C. Liscom, plank for bridges,	17 14
" H. L. Streeter, " " "	10 39
" C. R. Sargent, stone,	6 75
" George P. Slate, labor with team,	64 03
" C. A. Mason, labor and plank for bridges,	164 14
" N. Howe, labor with team,	123 90
" D. W. Stearns, labor with team,	38 40
" Calvin Shattuck, " " "	48 07
" S. R. Newcomb, "	2 60
" Brick for sewers,	12 95
" Claying Depot hill,	22 92
" Putting in new sluice, river road,	21 12

" Eldad Wright, work,	2 50
" Cement,	6 90
" G. C. S. Smith, labor with team,	62 67
" P. W. Taylor, " " "	40 71
" G. H. Crowninshield, breaking road,	1 50
" T. F. Dix, " "	75
" H. M. Butler, " "	56
" J. Shattuck, work and " "	2 00
" Franklin Thomas, work,	2 00
" M. H. Bardwell, labor with help,	365 34
" O. H. Higgins, " " teams,	16 28
" Frank Thomas, " " "	151 31
" C. D. Whittaker, " " " &c.,	92 15
" G. W. Holland, nails, powder, &c.,	4 97
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	\$2140 38

PAID FOR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF
TOWN POOR.

For Eri Elmore,	\$93 50
" Cyrena Doolittle,	86 73
" Eliza Burroughs, medical attendance,	3 00
" Assistance to Mrs. George Johnson,	20 00
" Care of baby and other expenses,	38 00
" Keeping three tramps,	1 50
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	\$242 73

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for M. Cunningham's family,	\$30 50
" " J. Young's family,	25 87
" " Mrs. Lydia St Ogne,	7 08
" " Burying body found in the river,	7 00
" " Coroner's inquest on body,	8 94
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STREET LAMPS.

Paid D. L. Perham, furnishing oil and lighting lamps,	\$249 71
" For new lamps, chimneys, &c.,	8 95
" " One large lantern,	6 70
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	\$265 36

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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid expenses of Fire Department, as per report, \$502 20

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid expenses of Library, as per report, \$815 33
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By catalogues and fines, 25 80
\$789 53

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Henry R. Vaille, Jr., Selectman,	\$110 00
" Dwight W. Stearns, "	70 00
" George P. Slate, "	65 00
" G. W. Holland, Town Clerk,	40 00
" " " " Treasurer,	25 00
" Arad Gilbert, Policeman,	20 00
" C. D. Whittaker, "	10 00
" Willard Taylor, "	10 00
" Dr. M. C. Dix, Sup't Schools,	\$37 50
" " " " High School,	8 00
	— \$45 50
" Rev. H. H. Hamilton, Sup't Schools,	37 50
" " " " High School, 8 00	— 45 50
" George P. Wellington, Collector,	85 00
	— \$526 00

TAXES ILLEGALLY ASSESSED, ABATED AND SUSPENDED.

ILLEGALLY ASSESSED.

A. S. Bacon,	\$1 45
Joseph Currier,	2 22
George E. Estey,	2 54
Arthur Lawrence,	1 45
William Pearson,	1 45
P. E. Thomas,	3 62
E. F. Whittaker,	2 99

Harrison Davis, 1878 and 1879,	4 00
George C. Fisk,	2 49
L. Royce,	4 65
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	\$26 86
SUSPENDED.	
Charles Fanian,	\$2 28
Joseph L. Greeley,	2 22
C. A. Marden,	1 45
Charles Parker,	2 22
Eli Pratt,	2 22
George Seymour,	2 28
H. E. Stanford,	1 55
Rufus W. Shattuck,	1 45
Joseph Wells,	1 45
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	\$17 12
ABATED.	
Alden E. Burnham,	1 45
Maurice Cunningham,	2 45
Otis A. Gibson,	2 22
John Peters,	2 22
John Young,	2 22
Edward H. Sawtelle,	5 66
Jones B. Thomas,	2 22
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	\$18 44

OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Due for dog money, 1878,	\$82 00
" " " " 1879,	74 00
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" School Dist. No. 9,	541 91
" Union School District, repairs,	104 34
" Literary fund, 1878,	138 38
" " " " 1879,	140 60
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" Savings Bank tax, 1879,	777 75
" Union and No. 8 Dist., school money,	2 30
" Ministerial fund, due Baptist Church,	24 00
" Bonded debt of town on account of building town house,	24,000 00
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	\$25,885 28

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1880.

Due for support of County Paupers:

For M. Cunningham's family,	\$ 30 50
" John Young's "	25 87
" Mrs. Lydia St. Ogne,	7 08
" Inquest and burying body found in river,	15 94
" Rent of old town hall,	75 00
" Amount due from library,	89 64
" Savings Bank fund, 1878, on deposit,	576 70
" Accrued interest on same,	17 42
" Cash reported in treasury,	1654 51
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	\$2492 66
TOTAL NET INDEBTEDNESS,	23,392 62
Less Savings Bank tax, 1879,	777 75
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Net debt,	\$22,614 87

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL RECEIPTS,	\$18,143 45
EXPENDITURES.	
Miscellaneous,	\$5925 51
Schools and School Houses,	5955 42
Highways, Sewers and Bridges,	2140 38
Town Paupers,	242 73
County "	79 39
Lighting Streets,	265 36
Fire Department,	502 20
Town Library,	789 53
Town Officers,	526 00
Taxes Abated,	18 44
" Suspended,	17 12
" Illegally Assessed,	26 86
Cash reported in treasury,	1654 51
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	\$18,143 45

Before closing, we would respectfully call your attention to a few facts that otherwise might escape your notice in perusal.

1st. This has been a year for extra expense on highways and bridges in many respects. A bridge will last ONLY JUST SO LONG, and once in about so many years there must be repairs on them. Early in spring a new sluice-way was obliged to be put in on River road; later, a drove of cattle ruined a second one so it had to be rebuilt. Canal street has had to have its share of new plank and one abutment partially newly laid. The bridge and road near Estey's Dam was found in bad shape after the fall rains, and the bridge was raised and road accordingly; both bridges in the village have been partially re-planked, in fact, nearly all the bridges had arrived at that stage, that they required repairing now or risk more than would be wise. This expense is a good deal perhaps now, it may seem, but the bridges, sluices, &c., repaired this past year WILL NOT need any expense for some years to come; they will last just so long and no longer, and when that time is reached they must be attended to, and that time was last year.

2d. There has been some tile laid for drains or sewers; it will stay there, and as the vacant places are built up, the water accumulates and must go somewhere, and sewers, &c., must be laid to take care of it, or let it run in our streets, to their ruin. Tile was used, as, after careful investigation, it was thought to be cheaper, and we trust it will prove so to the satisfaction of all.

3d. The village street, so far as it has been worked, is, in our opinion, in good condition and by a little watching and small expense it can be made to remain so.

4th. The bridge leading to the depot, we think, needs attention to preserve it thoroughly, and we trust you will consider the article in warrant relating to it.

5th. It has been our disposition to expend your money to the best advantage, without regard to any *particular* Highway District, and as the division of districts was left in our hands, we have endeavored to lay it out just where we thought it was most needed, and in many instances we had no alternative, *it was actually required.*

We would recommend to be raised for current expenses for the ensuing year, in addition to the amount required to be raised by law:

Town charges,	\$2000 00
Common schools,	300 00
High school,	1300 00
Highways,	1800 00
Claying and hardening roads,	500 00
Fire Department,	1500 00
Lighting streets,	350 00
Interest on town bonds,	1200 00
Town library,	400 00
Depot bridge,	200 00

We think the above sums none too much to be raised, and we trust you will be pleased to agree with us.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY R. VAILLE, JR., } Selectmen
DWIGHT W. STEARNS, } of
GEORGE P. SLATE, } Hinsdale.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

REPORT OF SUPT'G SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the law of the State, we respectfully present for your consideration our Annual Report of the schools of the town. The general character of the statistics has not been changed from that of the last few years, and having, therefore, become perfectly familiar with the form employed, you will need no explanation in order that they may be intelligently understood.

NO. 1.—RIVER DISTRICT.

Nelson Estey, Geo. C. S. Smith, Samuel E. Liscom, Prudential Committee. Miss Augusta A. Doolittle, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 7; No. of scholars, 11; Av. att., 9.75; Tardy, 3; Visits, 13; Wages per month, \$21.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 18; Av. att., 13.6; Tardy, 6; Visits, 9; Wages per month, \$22.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 16; Av. att., 12.62; Tardy, 11; Visits, 5; Wages per month, \$23.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Eva L. Yeaw, Minnie Lamson, Anna Liscom, Walter Burnham; second term, Eva L. Yeaw, Minnie Lamson.

NO. 2.—ASH SWAMP.

Olcott B. Tyler, Prudential Committee; Miss Lottie A. Bowker, teacher first term; Miss Clara Smith, teacher second term.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 13; Av. att., 11.46; Tardy, 5; Visits, 16; Wages per month, \$10.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 8; Av. att., 7.75; Tardy, 5; Visits, 13; Wages per month, \$15.40.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Jennie Butler; second term, Arthur Streeter, Levi F. Streeter; for the year, Mary M. Thomas, Gracia B. Thomas, Fred E. Newcomb.

NO. 3.—CHESTNUT HILL.

E. G. Horton, Prudential Committee; Miss Edda E. Stearns, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 18; Av. att., 16.4; Tardy, 0; Visits, 21; Wages per month, \$22.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 17; Av. att., 15.75; Tardy, 0; Visits, 12; Wages per month, \$22.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Anna Blanchard, George Blanchard, Alice Barrett, Emma Barrett, Ida Barrett, Charles Dragoon; for the year, Bessie Mason, Mary Mason, Frank Mason.

UNION AND NO. 8.—GRADED SCHOOL.

H. R. Vaille, Jr., N. M. Worden, Prudential Committee.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Addie M. Bolton, teacher first term; Miss Lottie A. Bowker, teacher second and third terms.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 49; Av. att., 39; Tardy, 92; Visits, 35; Wages per month, \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 37; Av. att., 30.5; Tardy, 47; Visits, 40; Wages per month, \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 35; Av. att., 30.6; Tardy, 26; Visits, 40; Wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Patsey C. Leahy, Mark Mann, Blanche B. Lewis, Nellie L. Pearson, Stella E. Spencer; second term, Patsey C. Leahy, Blanche B. Lewis, Annie Ploude, Addie L. Gilmore, Ella F. Gilmore; third term, Lizzie D. Ploude, Nellie L. Parson, Stella E. Spencer, Josie E. Bailey; for the year, Daniel McCaughern, Herman Shaw, Maud A. Lewis, Edith Shaw.

BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Miss Gertrude E. Robertson, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 54; Av. att., 39.4; Tardy, 57; Visits, 15; Wages per month, \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 42; Av. att., 33.7; Tardy, 33; Visits, 7; Wages per month, \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 40; Av. att., 29.6; Tardy, 46; Visits, 13; Wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Nellie Donovan, Gracie Fales, Mary E. Purcell, Mary Parodeux, Minnie Snow, Annie Smith, Una Leach, Vic Parodeux, Mady Parodeux, Maggie Donovan, Henry Hannon, Norris Parodeux; second term, Jane Peterson, Una Leach, Sarah Pearson, Nellie Perham; third term, Geo. H. Vaille, Eugene Cutler; for the year, Rosa Hannon, Julius Mason.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Nellie A. Stearns, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 21; Av. att., 19.88; Tardy, 13; Visits, 24; Wages per month, \$28.

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SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 27; Av. att., 22.5;
Tardy, 10; Visits, 21; Wages per month, \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 25; Av. att., 22;
Tardy, 7; Visits, 25; Wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Mary E. Shaw, Alice Spencer, Clesson Spencer; second term, Edwin Bailey, Fred Colton, Mark Mann, Sidney Sargeant, May Merriman, Mabel Hunter, Maggie Lynch; third term, Mabel Hunter, Clesson Spencer, Mark Mann, Walter Saben, Willie Howe, Joseph Young; for the year, Emmet Cunningham.

BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Miss Cora B. Hubbard, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 28; Av. att., 23;
Tardy, 29; Visits, 24; Wages per month, \$28.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 31; Av., att., 27;
Tardy, 42; Visits, 18; Wages per month, \$28.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 36; Av. att., 29.3;
Tardy, 22; Visits, 11; Wages per month, \$28.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Willie Brockway, Nat. Bartlett, Edward K. Hall, Willie Reed, B. H. Wetherhead, Nellie Britton, Millie Hanrahan; second term, Harry Clark, Willie Fales, Henry Hannon, Alice E. Marble, Minnie J. Snow; third term, Harry Clark, Willie Fales, Henry Hannon, Willie Walker, Kate Corliss, Mabel Barrett; for the year, Edward K. Hall, Henry Hannon, Fred'k Pearson, Belle Hannon, Jessie E. Hubbard.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. M. H. Keyes, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 11; No. of scholars, 37; Av. att., 35.6;
Tardy, 36; Visits, 38; Wages per month, \$36.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 41; Av. att., 34.7; Tardy, 7; Visits, 33; Wages per month, \$36.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 46; Av. att., 42; Tardy, 7; Visits, 66; Wages per month, \$36.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Ed. S. Henry, Frank Spencer, Edward Cooper, Alma Britton, Nellie O'Brien, Ella Snow, Jennie Worden, Jessie Hall, Mary Leahy; second term, Nat. D. Bartlett, Willie Reed, Edwin Pearson, Thomas Corliss, Maggie Fitzgerald, Alice Spencer, Mary Shaw, Mary Leahy; third term, Ed. H. Cooper, Frank Spencer, Willis Stearns, Willie Reed, Nat. D. Bartlett, Willie Davenport, Charles Pearson, Edwin Pearson, Fred. C. Davis, Alice Spencer, Mary Mason, Minnie Black, Lula Cooper, Tillie Lynch, Mary E. Shaw; for the year, George H. Holland.

NO. 6.—SOUTH DISTRICT.

A. B. Davis, Prudential Committee; Miss Ella A. Tufts, teacher first term; Miss Adelia M. Barrows, teacher second term.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 9; No. of scholars, 6; Av. att., 6; Tardy, 8; Visits, 14; Wages per month, not given.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 9; No. of scholars, 12; Av. att., 8.85; Tardy, 6; Visits, 11; Wages per month, \$20.

ROLL OF HONOR:—Second term, Fred. Davis, Willis Stearns; for the year, Willie Davenport.

NO. 7.—PLAIN DISTRICT.

Nelson Richardson, Prudential Committee; Miss Lizzie M. Safford, teacher first term; Albert S. Colburn, teacher second term.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 7; No. of scholars, 22; Av. att., 19.5; Tardy, 8; Visits, 17; Wages per month, \$18.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 9; No. of scholars, 25; Av. att., 20.6; Tardy, 7; Visits, 32; Wages per month, \$12.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Annie Hines, John J. Barrett; second term, Minnie Streeter, Martha Blanchard, George Streeter; for the year, Eliza Hathorn, Julia Smith, Fannie Smith, Julia Streeter, Warner Barrett, Nelson E. Richardson.

NO. 9.—ADAMS DISTRICT.

Henry Adams, Prudential Committee; Miss Cora J. Holbrook, teacher for the year.

FIRST TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of scholars, 11; Av. att., 9.2; Tardy, 3; Visits, 9; Wages per month, \$23.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 10; No. of scholars, 11; Av. att., 10.6, Tardy, 7; Visits, 7; Wages per month, \$22.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 8; No. of scholars, 16; Av. att., 11.25; Tardy, 17; Visits, 11; Wages per month, \$22.

ROLL OF HONOR:—First term, Lucia T. Adams, Oliver W. Adams; second term, Carrie E. Adams; third term, Willie C. Adams, Carrie E. Adams.

WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS, AND NON-ATTENDANCE.

The law requires the Super'g School Committee, in their yearly report upon the progress and condition of the schools, to give the “whole number of scholars of the town, not less than five years of age, who have attended the district schools in the town not less than two weeks during the year.” We find this number, as accurately as can be ascertained from the school registers, to be 314.

The selectmen, in April, 1879, reported to your committee 278 children; boys, 144; girls, 134, as the whole number of scholars, of each sex, between the ages of five and fifteen

years, which report accords with their last enumeration taken upon April 1st of the same year.

We also report, for the present year, 14 as the whole number of pupils, between five and fifteen years, who have not attended school the number of weeks required by law. It is well understood that the large majority of these cases of non-attendance are within the limits of the Graded District, and it is but justice to state that the committee have received invaluable assistance from the selectmen of the town and the proprietors of the several manufacturing interests of the village, in carrying out the provisions of the law made and provided for such cases. With this united effort we have been enabled to secure a larger percentage of attendance of this class of habitual absentees than for some years previously. This is a gain in the right direction.

ATTENDANCE UPON EACH STUDY.

The whole number of different pupils that have attended to each study during the year, are given by districts, and are as follows:

No. 1.—Reading, 18; Spelling, 18; Writing, 12; Arithmetic, 14; Geography, 14; Grammar, 3; History, 3.

No. 2.—Reading, 13; Spelling, 13; Writing, 8; Arithmetic, 9; Geography, 5.

No. 3.—Reading, 18; Spelling, 18; Writing, 9; Arithmetic, 12; Geography, 9; Grammar, 2.

No. 6.—Reading, 12; Spelling, 12; Writing, 9; Arithmetic, 10; Geography, 9; Grammar, 1.

No. 7.—Reading, 25; Spelling, 25; Writing, 13; Arithmetic, 17; Geography, 10; Grammar, 5; History, 1.

No. 9.—Reading, 12; Spelling, 12; Writing, 10; Arithmetic, 10; Geography, 5; Algebra, 1.

GRADED SCHOOL.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET PRIMARY.

Reading, 40; Spelling, 40; Writing, 17; Arithmetic, 17; Oral Instruction in Geography, 22.

BRATTLEBORO STREET PRIMARY.

Reading, 45; Spelling, 45; Writing, 20; Arithmetic, 22; Oral Instruction in Geography, 16.

UPPER BRIDGE STREET SECONDARY.

Reading, 25 ; Spelling, 25 ; Writing, 25 ; Arithmetic, 25 ; Geography, 23 ; Drawing, 25.

BRATTLEBORO STREET SECONDARY.

Reading, 32 ; Spelling, 32 ; Writing, 25 ; Arithmetic, 32 ; Geography, 32 ; Drawing, 32.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

Reading, 42 ; Spelling, 42 ; Writing, 42 ; Arithmetic, 42 ; Geography, 42 ; Grammar, 33 ; Drawing, 42.

STATE MAPS.

Your committee, with the co-operation of the selectmen, procured for the use of the schools of the town, with the exception of the Primary Departments, 10 copies of the map of New Hampshire, at a cost of \$5 per copy. This map, published by J. C. Cline, of Manchester, needs no commendation from us, for it speaks for itself. It is, however, not only an ornament to any school-room, but at the same time it is the most valuable adjunct to the teaching of the geography of our State that we now possess.

CHANGE OF TEXT-BOOKS.

But one change has been made during the year, and this affects the Graded School only. The wants of this school being somewhat different from that of an ungraded one, it necessitated a substitution of some new work on Orthography, in place of the one so long, and we think, so successfully employed. This want was supplied by adopting "Swinton's Series of Spellers," consisting of three books, namely : Word Primer, Word Book and Word Analysis.

COURSE OF STUDY—GRADED SCHOOL.

The recommendation which your committee of last year gave in regard to uniting the village districts, was acted upon by the two districts interested, at their annual meetings in March, 1879, and resulted in the formation of the Graded School. It devolved upon your present committee to grade the pupils and establish a course of study. This they have done. Before giving the course in full, it is appropriate that

a few words explanatory be given, that all interested may have a just comprehension of the same.

For the purpose of a better classification, the school is divided into eight grades of one year each, each year consisting of three terms. The first and second grades constitute the Primary Department; the third and fourth grades the Secondary or Intermediate Department, and the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades the Grammar Department.

SYNOPSIS OF COURSE OF STUDY.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

FIRST GRADE.—Harvey's First Reader, completed; use Numeral Frame in adding and subtracting; tables, count by 2's and 3's; Writing on slate or blackboard. Third term: Oral Instruction in Geography.

SECOND GRADE.—Harvey's Second Reader, completed; Swinton's Word Primer, to page 50; Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic, to page 66; Oral Instruction in Geography, throughout the year; Writing, by using "Tracing Book."

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT.

THIRD GRADE.—Harvey's Third Reader, to page 104; Swinton's Word Primer, completed; Greenleaf's Primary Arithmetic, second term, to page 104; third term review: Writing, two-thirds of No. 2, P. D. & S., one-half hour three times a week; Drawing, one-half hour twice a week upon days that alternate with writing.

FOURTH GRADE.—Harvey's Third Reader, completed; Swinton's Word Book, to page 65; G. Intellectual Arithmetic, second term, to page 96; third term review: Warren's Primary Geography, second term, to page 38; third term review: Writing, one-half of No. 3, using same amount of time and alternate with the Drawing, as in grade No. 3.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.

FIFTH GRADE.—Harvey's Fourth Reader, to page 125; Swinton's Word Book, to page 111; (use the Spelling Book two days in each week, the remainder of the time spelling

from the other text-books) ; New Practical Arithmetic, second term, to page 95 ; third term review : Warren's Primary Geography, second term, to page 86 ; third term review : Drawing, same as in Grade No. 4 ; Writing, finish No. 3.

SIXTH GRADE.—Harvey's Fourth Reader, completed ; Swinton's Word Book, completed, using other text-books, as in No. 5 ; Greenleaf's Intellectual, to page 119, alternating with New Practical ; New Practical, second term, to page 172 ; third term review : Warren's Common School Geography, to page 56 ; Swinton's Language Lessons, to page 94 ; Writing, two-thirds of No. 4 ; Drawing, same as in Grade No. 5.

SEVENTH GRADE.—Harvey's Fifth Reader, to page 168 ; Spelling from Text-Books ; Greenleaf's Intellectual, completed ; New Practical, second term, to page 250 ; third term review : the Intellectual and New Practical to be used alternately throughout the year, that is, two lessons a week from the one and three from the other ; Warren's Common School Geography, second term, to page 96 ; third term review : Swinton's Language Lessons, completed ; Writing, one-third of No. 5 ; Drawing, same as in the previous grades.

EIGHTH GRADE.—Harvey's Fifth Reader, completed ; Spelling from Text-Books ; New Practical, second term, to page 332 ; third term review : Swinton's Word Analysis, second term, to page 96 ; third term finish and review : Swinton's English Grammar to Syntax ; Writing, No. 5, completed ; Drawing, same as in Grade No. 7.

Each pupil is required to give satisfactory evidence that he has a fair, general knowledge of the work of the *term*, before he is advanced to the next term above him in rank, and the same evidences are required when passing from a lower to a higher GRADE. Your committee have endeavored to make the system as flexible as possible ; that is, if an individual pupil is in advance of his class in ability or attainment, we have not waited till the end of the year before giving him promotion, but have transferred him at once. If we have been remiss in

our classification to any great extent, it is in allowing a pupil to struggle along in a class that is superior to him in intellectual acquirements, but all such cases will, after a time, receive its appropriate treatment.

GENERAL PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOLS.

There has been faithful and thorough work done in the various schools of the town. We have noticed a decided improvement, in instruction and discipline, by those teachers who have been retained for successive terms. We should expect this, for they, being in the same department teaching the same branches, and instructing the same pupils, gain a knowledge and experience essential to success.

Although, in some cases, there have been serious obstacles, there has been, speaking generally, good order maintained, and in particular instances the discipline of the school-room has been excellent. There has been satisfactory advancement made in the various studies. In some individual cases we have noticed great progress. The effect of grading the village schools is most encouraging. Beside securing a uniformity of text-books,—an economy of money for the parents, and of time for teacher and pupil,—it gives a regular system of departments adapted to the different ages of the pupils, and was *emphatically* demanded to systematize and thoroughly prepare them for the High School. The graded system has been, or is being, adopted in all places where there are the best schools, where intelligence is most prized, and where the best interests of education are promoted. To keep in the line of progress, the introduction of this system was demanded in the village. There are other districts in this town which, if consolidated, would be greatly benefitted thereby. We are happy to say that in our judgment, the graded system is a decided success.

CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS.

For the highest success of the schools they must have the earnest support of parents; they should encourage just discipline, and by their co-operation help secure it; the advice and authority at home in no small degree effect the discipline of

the school-room. Let all parents encourage and instruct their children to observe proper decorum, and faithfully pursue their studies in school, and there would be decided advancement upon the part of many of our pupils.

The success of our schools depends, in no small degree, upon the general interest manifested by all the people. It is encouraging to teachers and pupils to be assured that all desire their success. This desire can find expression by visiting the school during the term, and by being present at the examinations; also by giving expressions of interest at home, or even in public meetings. Our schools are essentially the educating, elevating and molding power in society and in our country. Surely, then, they should have the earnest support and *expressed* interest of all.

M. C. DIX,
H. H. HAMILTON,

Superintending School Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:—

Last year's report, as you will remember, gave the history of the school, with its accompanying statistics, from the time of its inception to the close of the first term, the second term, as then stated, being in session. It is for us, therefore, at the present time to perform the special duty of reporting the *progress* made by the school, and in doing this, we must necessarily call your attention to such topics and such suggestions as will enable the report to occupy the smallest space possible, and at the same time place all matters of interest plainly before you.

WHOLE NUMBER OF SCHOLARS.

The school has now been established nearly two years, and by recruiting its pupils, not only from the several school districts of the town, but, in some instances, from other towns in the State and adjoining States, it has had upon its register the names of 77 different scholars, which gives the splendid record, after deducting non-residents, of $23\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of all the pupils of the town in attendance upon the High School.

ASSISTANT TEACHER.

At the commencement of the second year's work so large a class was admitted, which added to the number already enrolled, making the school under Principal Hall unduly large, it was thought best to provide an assistant who should work directly under the supervision of the principal, thereby carrying out our definite plan throughout the two departments. This idea was carried into effect by procuring the services of

Miss Adele Chickering, one of the pupils of the school, who, in addition to her own work, had the special charge of the recitations in arithmetic and geography belonging to the D, or lowest grade. On account of sickness, Miss Chickering did not return to the school during the last term, and the position was supplied by Miss Emma Wellman of this town, an experienced and accomplished teacher.

The statistics which follow are upon the same general plan as that employed in giving similar items of the common schools. They are given by terms, commencing with :

SECOND TERM—FIRST YEAR.

No. of weeks, 13; No. of Scholars, 55; Boys, 25; Girls, 30; Av. daily att., 51.75; Tardy, 63; Visitors, 52.

THIRD TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of Scholars, 43; Boys, 19; Girls, 24; Av. daily att., 40.6; Tardy, 33; Visitors, 7.

FIRST TERM—SECOND YEAR.

No. of weeks, 11 4; No. of Scholars, 60; Boys, 30; Girls, 30; Av. daily att., 57.3; Tardy, 49; Visitors, 22.

SECOND TERM.

No. of weeks, 12; No. of Scholars, 61; Boys, 30; Girls, 31; Av. daily att., 56.9; Tardy, 55; Visitors, 39.

The wages of teachers are found in the report of the Prudential Committee.

ROLL OF HONOR.

For want of space, we give the *whole number* of pupils instead of the *name* of each who have been neither absent nor tardy during the several terms since last report, special mention, however, being made by name of those pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy since the organization of the school :

Second term, 18; third term, 20; fourth term, 25; fifth term, 27; for the five terms, Laura A. Butler, Fred. S. Leonard, Edwin L. Sargeant, Charles E. Snow, Henry W. Taylor.

COURSE OF STUDY.

No change has been made since last year, although there are plans now under consideration, whereby the first year's work may be placed under the control of the Grammar Department, where it unquestionably belongs. This change must be made gradually, and it is hoped it may be completed as soon as practicable, possibly at the commencement of the next legal school year.

REQUISITES FOR ADMISSION.

Candidates for admission will be examined in Reading, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, (to include Percentage, Interest and Partial Payments), Grammar, (to include Etymology and so much of Syntax as will enable the candidate to analyze simple sentences). The candidate must be at least 12 years of age. The examination must be written, with the exception of Reading.

The regular, or yearly examination for admission, will be held at the close of the summer term of the district schools. Other examinations will be allowed, subject to such additional requirements as may be deemed advisable by the High School Committee.

LECTURE COURSE.

The object for which this course was instituted was plainly set forth in last year's report, but we deem it of so much importance, in its intimate relations with the school, that we wish to emphasize some of the leading thoughts contained therein, hoping, by keeping the subject fresh in the minds of the people, that they may be led to take a deeper interest in the course, and thereby directly advancing the usefulness of the schools.

The "Entertainments" for the season of 1878-9 were suggested by Principal Hall, and by him carried to a successful termination. This was the commencement, experimental in part, no doubt it was, and although the results, financially, were small, yet it gave the citizen, as well as the pupil, a renewed interest in the cause of education, a deeper relish for those entertainments which lift the mind toward a higher

plane of intellectual life, and a more thorough knowledge of all those things which go to make up the ideal of true culture and true refinement. With this renewed interest, the patrons of the school, most intimately connected therewith, resolved to place these entertainments upon a broader foundation. For this purpose a meeting was called, officers chosen, and all other necessary arrangements made, that the lecture season of 1879-80 might be more successful than its predecessor. How well they succeeded is best seen in the report of the Treasurer of the Lecture Committee, which is as follows:

RECEIPTS OF LECTURE COURSE.

Course of 1878-9,		\$38 80
" " 1879-80,		33 38
Amount of receipts,		\$72 18
From this fund there have been purchased, for the use of the school, the following items :		
1879. Appleton's Condensed Cyclopedias,	\$26 35	
Metric apparatus,	7 83	
Blocks for teaching form,	4 50	
1880. Mitchell's outline maps,	18 00	
Compound microscope and*objects,	9 00	
Book on the use of the Microscope,	3 00	
Draper's Physiology,	3 50	
Amount of payments,		\$72 18

It is proper to state, in this connection, that the pupils of the High School, under the direction of their teacher, have given two entertainments, which, for intellectual ability and fineness of detail, are rarely equalled even by more advanced pupils. Last year the receipts from this source were \$20, which sum is included in the amount given above. This year the net receipts are not given, for want of time, but doubtless they will be found as large as those of last year, which, added to the amount already given, will raise the receipts of the Lecture Course for the season of 1879-80, from all sources, to a little over fifty dollars.

We will conclude this topic by saying that not only should we make every effort to produce the best results in the work of the school-room, but our boys and girls should be surrounded with such outside influences as will best supplement that work ; and this can be done in no better way than by sustaining such entertainments as those that have been given during the last two seasons.

THE METRIC SYSTEM.

One of the great agencies for the advancement of civilization, and which has for some time engaged the attention of legislators and men of science, is the unification of weights and measures. The Metric system, which contains the principles of this unification, has already received the legislative sanction of a majority of the people of the civilized world. In our own country it was legalized by Act of Congress in 1866. It is being quite generally taught in our graded schools, and a knowledge of the system will undoubtedly be made a condition of admission to our preparatory schools and colleges. Teachers, in all grades of instruction, will, ere long, be expected to be able to teach it. We are glad to say that, with the idea of giving the pupils of the High School some practical knowledge of it, models of weights and measures have been procured and instructions given with good success. Also, to bring the subject more prominently before the people, boards have been erected upon the principal roads leading from the village, stating the distance from the High School building in Metric terms. We encourage such teaching and recommend all teachers to become acquainted with the system and teach it as they have opportunity.

PROGRESS.

It is with great pleasure that we can note very commendable progress by the scholars in the various branches taught. We are especially pleased with the evidence of thoroughness and accuracy. The recitations show careful preparation and a desire to understand the principles in the various studies. The pupils are taught to think for themselves, and to state clearly the essential elements of each lesson. By faithful and accu-

rate instruction, and an earnest effort to have them understand what is taught, we feel that the foundation of a good education is being securely laid. There is also a manifest desire on the part of the teachers, not only to excel in the studies taught in this department, but to create a high moral sentiment and to cultivate those qualities of mind and soul that will make them a power for good. In this, also, there are evidences of success. Furthermore, we are pleased with the spirit that pervades the school, and with the mutual feelings of respect and interest. In short, with a good degree of effort and appreciation on the part of the pupils, and by the ability of the teachers, we feel that the High School meets our most sanguine expectations, and is doing great good, not only in laying the foundation of a good education, but in a correct moulding of the character of the pupils, and improving the moral and intellectual condition of the whole community. We, therefore, ask for it the hearty support and continued interest of each citizen.

M. C. DIX,
H. H. HAMILTON,
High School Committee.

REPORT OF THE TOWN HIGH SCHOOL AGENT
FOR TWO YEARS, ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

1878.

Paid for desks,	\$278 40
" Freight on desks,	14 40
" Arad Gilbert, lumber and work on desks,	21 00
" Blackboard slating,	8 00
" Clock and chair,	8 80
" Ink, paper and books,	16 59

“ Sundries,	2 68
“ Coal and wood,	25 00
“ Mr. Hall,	666 66
“ Rent of school-room,	66 67
“ Care “ “	2 15
	————— \$1110.35

Money appropriated by the town, 1878,	\$1000 00
Received for tuition,	7 00
	————— 1007 07
Balance due the town,	\$103 35

1879.

Town appropriation,	\$1400 00
Received for tuition,	8 00
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Balance from last year,	\$103 35
Paid for cleaning school-house,	3 75
“ Repairing blackboards,	2 00
“ On account of organ,	20 00
“ Ink, paper and books,	7 57
“ Six boxes crayon,	96
“ Mr. Henry, table,	10 50
“ Two chairs,	1 50
“ Care school-rooms, 24 weeks, at 20 cts.,	4 80
“ Twelve weeks at 40 cents per week,	4 80
“ Rent of school-rooms, including fuel,	153 98
“ Paper, crayon and brooms,	2 77
“ Ink and erasers,	2 63
“ Mr. Hall,	1000 00
“ Miss E. Wellman and Miss A. Chickering, assistant teachers,	60 00
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Amount on hand,	\$1378 61

Respectfully submitted,

LEMUEL FALES, Agent.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The committee, in making their annual report, desire to state that the library expenditures have been of necessity unusually large the past year. A new library room has been fitted up in the town hall, with convenient shelves, counters and furniture. New books have been purchased and many of the old ones re-bound, the books arranged and labeled in order by the librarian, and a complete catalogue printed and issued. With such necessary outlays there will be only a small balance left in the treasury of the yearly appropriation with which to purchase books the coming year. These expenses were absolutely needed to put our library on a firm basis, and will not occur again in the future. Under these circumstances, your committee would recommend that the town make an additional appropriation, sufficient to cover these extra expenditures, so that we may have the usual sum for the buying of books the coming season. As the library grows larger, it will soon be possible to so amend the library rules that a larger number of books may be taken by each family, but as it is still small, it did not seem expedient to make any change in this direction just at present, unless the town should insist upon it.

The benefits of our library are becoming more and more widespread throughout the town, and an increased desire for good books is observable among our young people. The first month after the library was re-opened 500 books were drawn; in the month of January the number reached 800, an increase in the right direction. Your committee desire, in closing, to express their appreciation of the faithful labors of the librarian, Miss A. M. Stearns, in arranging the books in regular

order, numbering them and preparing the catalogue, a work of no small magnitude; and we feel sure that the extra expenses incurred the past year will be more than repaid by the vastly increased facilities which the new library affords for obtaining books, by reason of ample room, systematic arrangement and a complete catalogue.

Below will be found a list of the expenditures, &c., for the past year.

Number of catalogues sold, 230.

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid Freight on lumber,	\$ 2 73
“ For material and labor,	104 40
“ Keene Furniture Co.,	108 24
“ Hunter & Co., books,	318 63
“ N. E. Pratt, finishing,	11 15
“ Binding books,	106 27
“ Trucking,	75
“ J. H. Henry, work,	2 50
“ Printing catalogues,	65 00
“ Expressage,	1 50
“ Books, labels, &c.,	16 94
“ J. B. Mitchell, work,	3 97
“ Hunter & Co., magazines for 1880,	19 50
“ Sawing wood,	25
“ Miss A. M. Stearns, librarian,	50 00
“ Mrs. Frank Stearns, copying, &c.,	3 50
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By amount received from catalogues and fines,	25 80
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	\$789 53

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. WILDER,
WM. S. LEONARD,
C. J. AMIDON,

Library Committee.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

The Board of Fire Engineers, for the town of Hinsdale, respectfully submit the following report:

There were appointed for service as engine and hosemen, the past year, 75 men, 72 of whom performed service and are entitled to pay. The department has been called out four times during the year. The first alarm, in August last, was occasioned by fire in the dwelling house of Dennis Mahoney. This fire was caused from a defective chimney; occurred in daytime and was extinguished with little loss. The second alarm was about two o'clock on the morning of October 10th, in Stebbins' block, and though the origin of the fire is unknown, it is supposed to have been accidental. This fire, though disastrous, would have been much more so except for the assistance rendered by the force pumps of Messrs. Haile, Frost & Co. and of George C. Fisk. A single hand engine could do but little in coping with any formidable fire in the compact part of our village; though a valuable adjunct, yet we must rely largely upon those owning and controlling the pumps for assistance. The third alarm was occasioned by a fire in a dwelling house owned by George P. Wellington, and occupied by Alfred S. Martin. This occurred in the daytime, was accidental and extinguished with small loss. The fourth alarm came from Ashuelot, January 12th, of the present year, urging us to send up our department to assist in saving the factories at Turner's Village. The department promptly responded and their services were gratefully appreciated, and should we be so unfortunate as to need assistance, we are assured they will be ever ready to respond.

We herewith give detailed expenditures on account of Fire Department the past year:

Paid 72 engine and hosemen, \$3 each,	\$216 00
" 72 men for 73 hours extra work, on account of Mahoney's fire,	18 25
" 72 men for 569 hours extra work, on account of fire in Stebbins' block,	142 25
" John Corliss, as watchman 1 day and 2 nights,	6 00
" W. E. Smith, " 1 night,	2 00
" Norman Knapp, " 1 "	2 00
" 72 men for 72 hours extra work, on account of fire in Wellington's house,	18 00
" 72 men for 303½ hours extra work on ac- count of fire at Ashuelot,	75 87
" Engineers for work on engines,	2 00
" " " last year, March 1, '79,	2 35
" For two firemen's axes,	6 00
" " Glass and putty for engine house,	1 25
" " Tallow,	68
" " Three gallons of neat's foot oil,	4 50
" " One qt. each of alcohol and sperm oil,	1 30
" Mr. Walker, leather,	1 25
" C. S. Farr, printing notices,	2 50
Total for the year,	\$502 20

In conclusion, we desire to call the attention of the town to the fact that, while we have had an unusual number of fires the past year, we should bear in mind our increasing population and also the increase in the number of buildings for the few years past, which fact adds to the probability of their occurrence; and it behooves us to see to it that our fire apparatus should at all times be kept in excellent order. This can not be done without some expenditure on the part of the town, and we now beg to call your attention to the condition of the hose now on hand. The rubber hose is so rotten as to render it unfit to bear any strain. The leather hose is very old and much of it unfit for use. The suction hose to the engine is

bad and liable to fail at any moment when in use. There are at present some 3,000 feet of hose on hand, and all of it of the character above referred to.

We therefore recommend that as soon as practicable, all the old hose unfit for use be disposed of, to the best advantage possible, and that the town raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to procure immediately 2,000 feet of the best quality parrafined linen hose. This hose is the cheapest of any and at the same time very strong and good, if properly cared for. We also recommend the purchase of a new suction hose for the engine, and also better accommodations for the hose carriages, and increased facilities for drying hose and caring for all the fire apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. AMIDON, Chief Engineer.

C. S. FAY,

D. F. FERRIN,

W. S. BARROWS,

C. D. MERRIMAN,

Ass't Engineers.

